agriculture produce and the steps taken to rectify the malady; and

(e) whether farmers would be allowed to launch their own mini-sellers for paddy processing without any conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Any person can obtain a permit for setting up of a rice mill to convert paddy into rice provided he fulfils the conditions laid down in the RMI Act 1958.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Farmers are allowed to set up their own shellers provided they comply with the conditions laid down in the RMI Act 1958 as stated at (a) & (b) above.

Scheme for Industries to hold land beyond ceiling limit

1643. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulating any scheme for the industry to hold land beyond ceiling limits for investment in agriculture and allied activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) what impactus and incentives Government intend to give to ensure direct industrial investment possible in agriculture and allied activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) To encourage backward linkage between the processors and the growers through contract farming for horticulture produce, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is operating a scheme for providing incentives to the industry. Similar schemes for contract farming for pork processing, poultry processing and goat, sheep and rabbit meat processing are also being operated.

Dialogue with SCICI

1644. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would initiate a direct dialogue with S.C.I.C.I. to return seized fishing vessels in Andhra Pradesh to operators within a fixed time-frame; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to revise actions of S.C.I.C.I. which had an adverse impact on the deep-sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Seizing and auction of seized vessels are conducted by the Receivers appointed under the SDFC (Abolition) Act, 1986 and the Receiver appointed under the Act is an agent of the shipowner. SCICI has no role to play in this regard.

Demand for exporting organic products to EEC

1645. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the approximate current demand for exporting organic products to EEC;

(b) what are the details of quality parameters of agricultural produce required for food processing; and

(c) what is the estimated break-up of production of processed fruits and vegetables products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN

GOGOI): (a) As per information abailable, the current demand for organic products in the EEC is estimated as under:—

1. Raw Cane Sugar	10,000 MT
2. Cotton	20,000 MT
3. Sesame	1,000 MT
4. Spices	1,000 MT
5. Mango Juice	100 MT
6. Canned Tomatoes	1,000 MT

(b) The quality parameters required in agricultural/horticultural produce for manufacture of food products would differ depending upon the product to be manufactured. For example, mangoes with high total solids, good colour flavour and acidity levels are required for production of pulp and concentrates. Tomatoes with high total solids, good lycopin content and moderate acidity is required for manufacture of tomato paste. Wheat with high gluten content is required for manufacture of pasta products but for biscuits and chappatis wheat with low gluten content is required. For juice and concentrate manufacture, pineapple with high juice content with high total solids and flavour are required. But for manufacture of pineapple slices, large sized cylindrical pineapple free from white patches with thin layer are required.

(c) The estimated production of processed fruits & vegetable products by the Units licensed under Fruit products Order, 1955 was 4.69 lakh tonnes during 1992. The break-up of different products in tonnage are as under:—

(Thousand tonnes)

1.	Ready-to-serve beverages	136.0
2.	Canned and bottled fruit & vegetables	19.0
3.	Fruit juice	16.0
4.	Fruit Pulps	103.0
5.	Jam/Squashes/Syrups	42.6
6.	Fruit Juice concentrate	5.5
7.	Pickles, preserves & Chattnies	52.4
8.	Dehydrated fruits & vegetables	8.5
9.	Frozen fruits and vegetables	31.3
10.	Tomato products including tomato ketchup & sauce	35.4
11.	Candied/crystalised fruits	11.0
12.	Venegar, other sauces & misc. products.	8.3
	Total:	469.0

Permission to McDonald' for setting up fast-food Outlets in the Country

1646. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted McDonald's multinational for setting up fast-food outlets in the country with Indian collaboration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the fast-food articles proposed to be produced by the multinational company;

(d) whether it is a fact that setting up of the fast-food outlets by the multinational entail killings of animals which is likely to arouse religious sentiments of the people; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the multinationals to open such fast-food outlets in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government have recently approved a proposal of M/s. McDonald's Corporation, USA to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India for setting up McDonald Restaurants. The restaurants will be developed and operated primarily through; (i) directly by the subsidiary for a limited number of restaurants; (ii) Joint Venture between the subsidiary and Indian partners; (iii) Indian licences. The total investment